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AIR FREIGHT UP 10.3% IN 1986

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 4 — Air freight was up 10.3 percent in 1986 and 6.7 percent in December for the 21 carriers reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, ATA announced today.

Domestic air freight in 1986 registered a gain of 8.6 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 2.0 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, rose 6.9 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers last year was up 12.4 percent. Mail declined 1.4 percent, and total cargo had a gain of 10.5 percent.

In December, domestic air freight rose 8.8 percent. Mail was up 5.7 percent, and total cargo increased 7.9 percent.

December international air freight traffic of U.S. carriers had a gain of 4.3 percent. Mail traffic decline 6.2 percent, and total cargo rose 2.4 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
DECEMBER 1986	318,029	140,631	458,660	259,163	50,896	310,059	577,192	768,719
DECEMBER 1985	292,193	133,058	425,251	248,590	54,255	302,845	540,783	728,096
PERCENT CHANGE	8.8	5.7	7.9	4.3	(6.2)	2.4	6.7	5.6
12 MONTHS 1986	3,810,126	1,209,596	5,019,722	3,176,049	429,721	3,605,770	6,986,175	8,625,492
12 MONTHS 1985	3,508,236	1,185,329	4,693,565	2,825,783	435,918	3,261,701	6,334,019	7,955,266
PERCENT CHANGE	8.6	2.0	6.9	12.4	(1.4)	10.5	10.3	8.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western. Frontier included for Jan-Jul 1986/1985.